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SINS OF THE NEGRO

THE RACE LOSING ITS GRIP ON THE LARGE, PHILANTHROPIC

HEART OF THE NORTH, BEING DUE

To the Foolish Attempts of the Young Negro Men to Ape the bad Specimen of The White Race,

The Negro scribe who will write the plain, unsympathetic truth concerning the sins of the race, especially in these days of flattery and falsehood, is apt to engender the displeasure of many of the so-called leaders of the race. But some one must tell the truth about our laxity, our licentiousness, or vacillating habits; some one must point out the danger signals along our already rough pathway in this life. Integrity is the main spring of self respect-the basic principle of all moral character. And this is one of the great principles needed by the race; the want of it forms a sin within itself.

No less an important element in human nature is courage; courage to live what you honestly believe; courage to say what you truly know; courage to tell the truth whatever the result. By courage is meant, not only that valor which asserts itself in the presence of danger; nor that fortitude which enables us to suffer and endure; nor that resoluteness which falters not at difficulties; nor yet, that heroism which despises danger and overrides what, to the more discreet and timid, may seem insurmountable barriers, but rather that rarest of all virtues among men, that moral courage which prompts the upright man to make sacrifices, to accept defeat, to undergo humiliation, and even public censure if necessary, in obedience to the dictates of conscience and the discharge of his whole duty to the race and to humanity. The want of this kind of courage forms another great sin of which the leaders of the race at the North are guilty.

Will Allen Dromgool is the author of an interesting story entitled: "De Sins ob de White Man," in which one of her characters, an old time Negro preacher, promulgates the following: "Brudders en sisters, ders a heap o' kind o' sins in dis worl,' en I ain't denyin' az de nigger hab got his sheer. But it am his sheer en he ain't behol'in' to nobody to up an tek dey sheer, let lone de sins of de white man.

"Dey's two kin' ob sins, de sins ob de nigger en de sins ob de white man; en I make de p'int dat de nigger he got his own sins, en he ain't got no mo.' But de white man he got to tote double, ca'se de Book say, dem what hab got, hab got to hab mo.' En de white man he hab got his own sins en de sins ob de nigger, too; en dats hoccome I sey he got to tote double."

This is the manner in which the author presents the White Man's Burden idea. The fact of the matter is that the Negro must "tote double." He must be more circumspect in public places; he must subdue his good natured laugh to a soft grin; he must lift his hat within five feet of the main entrance-he must do many things not required nor expected of the white man. The fact that he does these things constitutes another sin. We are all citizens of one country and we ought to have rights in common and we are sinners if we will put up with anything but what belongs to us as members of a common family.

And this leads me to observe that the social evolution which has been in operation for the past twenty-five years in the New England States has resulted in some very peculiar manifestations in the character of the Negro. After having heard the problems of life so well debated from every viewpoint, he has been mysteriously led into a realm where his judgement is in an unsettled condition, his individuality two-sided and perplexing. His present life in the Northern States is not prophetic of a worthy future and so he has abandoned himself to a sort of self-indulgence and an exaggerated individualism that is puzzling in the extreme. Many occupy a paradoxical position in the social realm; they are ashamed of their own race and will not except forced to by extreme necessity, associate with it. They cannot associate with the highly cultured and influential white people, except in very rare cases, so they are compelled to live entirely to themselves. Their social life is not what a live, vivacious, warm blooded people would desire, so, the question arises, what will be the penalty for this great sin—the sin of trying to get away from the race—trying to get away from yourself? The Negro's influence, as exerted in political affairs is baneful and corrupt in every important city in the New England States. The character of the Ward politician is something awful. All worthy examples of industry, skill and integrity, morality and culture are selected from the white race and no book published at the North, by a Negro born in the North, and there educated, has ever attracted any considerable attention save that of our great poet, Paul Lawrence Dunbar. Few Negroes have been mentioned in the notable public addresses of distinguished men; and the lives of but few Negroes have proven worthy of emulation so far as the Northern Negro is concerned. The noblest and best specimen of the race have come up from slavery through great misfortunes and overwhelming injustice; they have proven themselves superior to their conditions and have succeeded in spite of them. While the more successful Negro of the North is thrown in contact with the business element of the white race, they have, in but few instances measured up to them in capacity and thoroughness, and this is due to the sin of too much laxity in business dealings.

Again, most of the younger element of the race who have attained success in business or a profession, are too often inclined to that sort of conduct and habit which a strict christian education forbids—their faces, the true mirror of the soul; reflect the workings of a mind little given to lofty thoughts; they do not portray candor truthfulness and human kindness. The health color of sobriety and virtue is largely displaced by puffed faces revealing a life of dissipation and vile indulgences. Where we should expect the kindly ennobling features, beaming with intellectual force, we often find the coarse, vulgar and sinster countenance.

These facts are unpleasant to think about, but, they are the facts. In the North, the Negro preacher's influencies limited to a few personal friends who have implicit confidence in his integrity of character. The lawyer is regarded as a mere shister. The workman is not to be trusted to carry out an order unwatched. The small store keeper cannot secure credit and even the more pretentious merchant must have a white voucher. Of course there are a few exceptions to this rule; but my long and continued residence in the North has convinced me that all I've said is true. There are too many young Negroes who in their vain attempt to ape the "sporty" young Harvard or Yale student, spend all the money they make on clothing and drink.

At the risk of becoming unpopular I have stated some of the sins of the Negro. I would welcome personal letters from those who think I have overstated the situation. The large philanthropic heart of the North is being hardened against the Negro and the full generous purse of the North is being locked up so far as the Negro is concerned all on account of his sins at the North. Take Boston for example. Many attempts have been made in that great city to run a weekly newspaper in the interest of the race and not one has ever succeeded. During political strife the Negro journal is able to get enough money to pay a few of the back bills; but the Negro journal of Boston has never paid enough to keep up a family of two persons. It is lamentable; it is awful.

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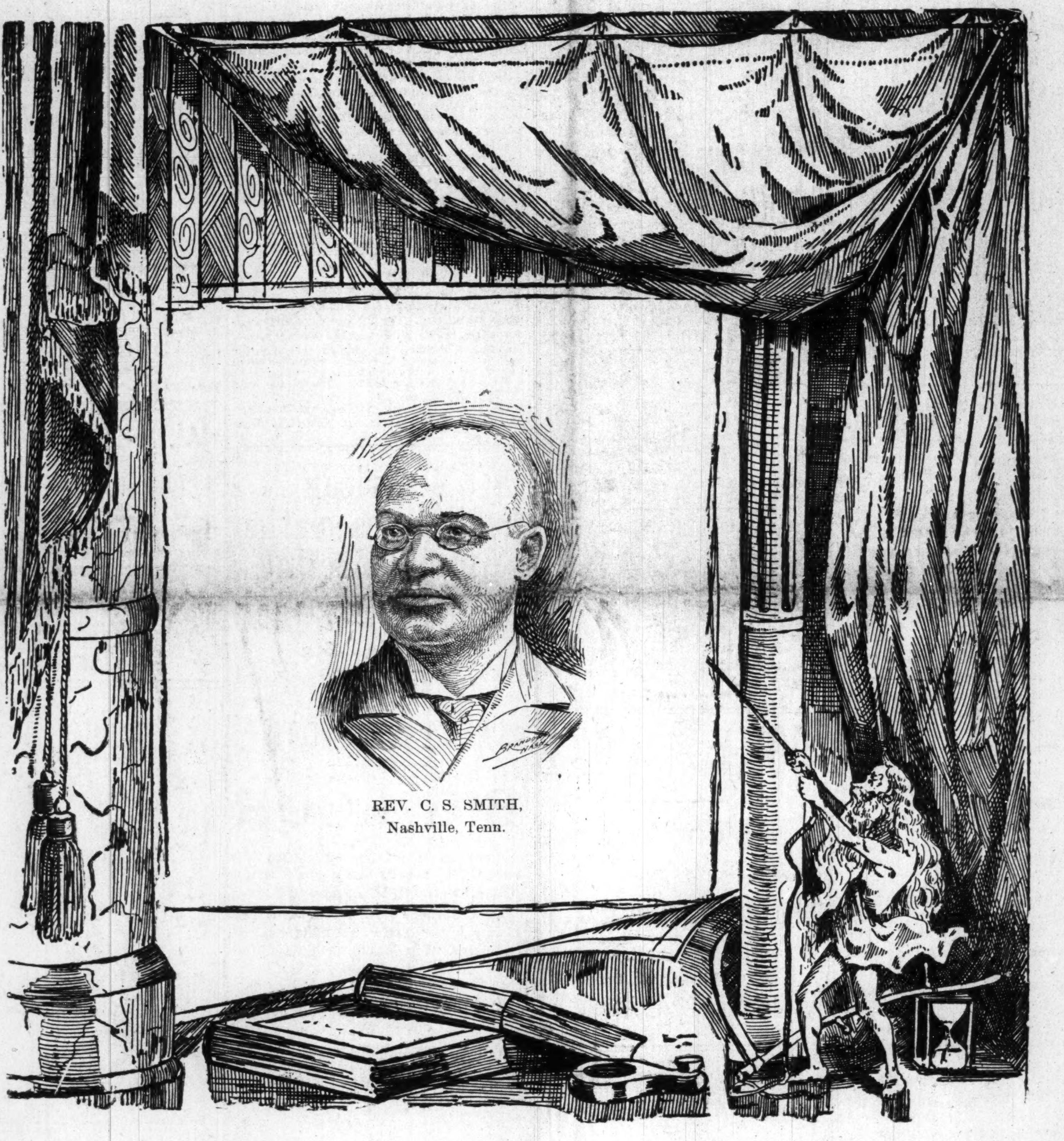
REV. C. S. SMITH,
Nashville, Tenn.

News Notes.

Wheeling, W., Va., Special.

T. H. Lewis is improving slowly. F. B. Jones has removed from the island to 1005½ Chapline street. Wm. Gross; one of Wm. Jones' barbers has resigned and accepted a position with Dr. Lovy. Albert Robinson formerly employed at the McGuire House barber shop has gone to Janesville to accept a position with John Leach. The Allen Literary gave a very successful entertainment Monday evening at Market Hall. A Female Minstrel composed of the following ladies:—Misses Mayme Walker, Sallie Jones, Rosa Buchanan, Misses Mattie Freeman, Virgie Hayman, Anna Redman, tamborines; Misses Penola Gardner, Beaulah McCollough, Gertrude Walker, Lillian Philips and Mary Jennings, interlocutor. Anna Jennings pianist, gave a fine performance May 3, the proceeds will be given to the $500 rally May 21.

MISGUIDED ADVICE

WAS CONTAINED IN AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE FREEMAN APRIL, 8

SO WRITES THE AUTHOR--MEN

And Officers of the Church Should Consider Both the Man and the place—The Words That Created the "Stir."

In the Freeman of April 8, there was published over my name an article headed, "The Age of Church Reformation, Effete Customs No Criterion," which has caused a great deal of stir and which has been widely misunderstood and in certain notable instances has been maliciously misquoted and misrepresented.

The purpose of this present article is to express the disputed assertions in language that cannot be misunderstood and misrepresented.

I never send anything to the papers that I do not have good reason for believing to be the truth and I am always willing to give the reasons when called upon so to do. It is easy for anyone who is moved by malice and unrestrained by honor and a regard for truth to take extracts from an article and so present them as to convey a meaning far different from that of the author. It is easy to take a whole article and read it aloud in such away as to greatly mislead.

A certain man who for sometime has been fighting me most maliciously took TheFreeman in his pocket and at Washington during the session of the Financial Board read the article of April 8th to various bishops and others and undertook to make it appear that the writer had intended to cast reflections upon all of the bishops instead of upon the particular one concerning whom the rumor cited is fairly well-known, but the consciousness of integrity is not easily mislead and the malicious mischief-maker failed in his attempt and placed himself in the position of having intimated by his course the very things of which he tried to accuse the writer. No ordinary preacher has said and written more in praise of the noble qualities and deeds of deserving leaders than have I and none have been any more candid in discussing the glaring errors of unworthy ones. I have been frank and honest always and incorrect in very rare instances. I have been misquoted and misconstrued frequently and maliciously misrepresented now and then, but I write with the belief that what I say will do some good and no harm.

Let us quote the words that have caused so much comment and with them so much of the context as may be pertinent.

"In some instances we have clothed men with insignia of high offices and placed them as representatives of the best of the race when in character they are but lackey-boys to the truly great men of the country with whom they come in contact." Would a bishop who accepts free railroad passes from a Southern railroad that runs jim-crow cars and who uses his influence, position and authority to secure patronage for that road and yet who invariably draws full pay for car fare from all of his churches notwithstanding he has secured free rides by using his position in the church. justify such an utterance as the above?

It is very generally said that there is just such a bishop. The name of that bishop is so commonly mentioned in this relation as to excuse me from calling it and leaves no danger of any innocent man being suspected.—If some one else does the same thing on the sly, his conscience might make him feel that he too is meant, so I here assert that I have heard the name of but the one man called in this connection.

"To fail to par reverence to 'the lackey-boy' type violates a cherished custom and brings disaster upon the bold offender."

Poor preachers with their ill clad

(Continued on Fourth Page.)

B. SQUARE'S BLUSTER

The white man has a "burden"
(The white man of the South)
That Kipling would not "take up,"
With either pen or mouth.

He has a mighty burden
Of lawlessness and crime—
A blot upon our history
Until the end of time.

Throw down your sinful burden!
Oh wash your bloody hand!
Before a visitation,
Of God, upon your land.

* * *

"The average man owes most of what he is to his mother, most of what he becomes to his father, and most of what he gets to his wife."—Post Wheeler.

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Never use the word "never" unless you recall its true meaning. 'Sadie Smith, I'll never darken your door again,'' I heard a girl of about fourteen say to a companion with whom she had doubtless had a ''serious'' falling out. yesterday. She was old enough and looked intelligent enough to know the full and serious meaning of the serious word: "Never" and doubtless did know its meaning. She had doubtless resolved to 'never darken the door'' of her friend but will not live up to the resolution. I know just how it will end although I never expect to see them again to know them or hear from them again, as in New York city you meet people today you will perhaps never meet again.

The quarrel will end in the girls making up after (perhaps) ''Sadie" has acknowledged she was in the wrong. The other girl will feel sorry that she used the word "never'' will say so, then they will cry, kiss and make up again. The other girl, will however, have the stain of the false oath.

* * *

Only use "never" when speaking of times or things of the past that can not be again. I'll never be only twenty-one years old again or an infant again, but there are lots of "things" I have been since I reached manhood I am not now, but hope to be, so I will not say I'll never be the same again, although I may not be.

* * *

"I will forgive but never forget" such and such a thing we often hear persons say which opens another subject, to-wit: You can not forgive unless you forget.

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B. SQUARE.

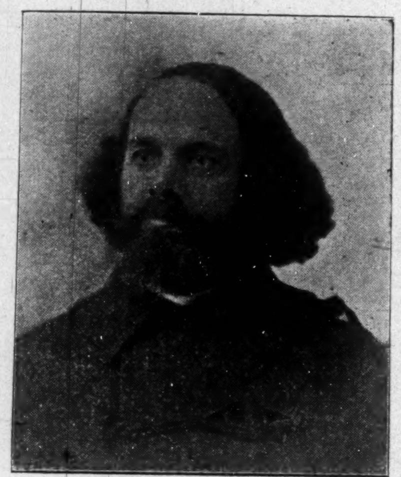
CHAPLAIN STEWARD U. S. A.

A Brief Review of the Life of This Distinguished man—The Rise of a Farmer boy.

The combined influence of a pious home-training and of an inheritance of extraordinary intellectual and moral stamina, has shaped the life now under brief review. A farmer's son, born in Cumberland county. New Jersey, fifty-six years ago, the ardious duties of the farm would not admit of his attending the village school more than four months in the year; but on the other hand, they fostered in him the virtues downright honesty and resolute self-reliance which against vast odds struggle for existence in the unfriendly atmosphere of towns. Well-born, then, he was, and amid kindly scenes. From his father, fifty years an employee and trusted foreman in the Cumberland nail and iron works of Bridgeton, New Jersey—a man of "sterling integrity and iron will''—Theophilus inherited an inflexible ambition and tenacity of purpose; to his mother, who was a lineal legitimate descendant of Sir John Fenwick, lord proprietor of West Jersey—a woman remarkable for eminent piety, beauty of character, and literary cultivation—he is indebted for religious training, lofty aspirations, and a love of literary pursuits. As a boy, he was thrifty, frank and studious.

In the nineteenth year of his age, he is found joining the African Methodist Episcopal church; under the ministry of Reverend Joseph H. Smith, he had entered into full and convincing knowledge of Christian doctrine; it was the natural flowering of an intellect early implanted with righteousness. Two years later the above named body licensed Mr. Steward to preach and the Philadelphia conference appointed him to his first pastorate—at Camden, N. J. His fitness at this period for his chosen vocation is disclosed in the following incident. Having returned to Camden after some years' absence, he one day accosted an aged member of his first charge. With much difficulty the old gentleman recollected him. "I do remember the conference once left us a boy, but I didn't suspect it was you." Reverend Steward's ministry had remained in this man's memory as only the efforts of a boy.

In 1865, on the morning following the assassination of Lincoln, the young clergyman went to Baltimore and joined in the public tribute to that saintly character. There he was presented to Bishop Daniel A. Payne, who was even then planning the organization of the A. M. E. church conferences in South Carolina and Georgia—in the wake of Sherman's army. Impressed with the earnestness and intelligence of Reverend Steward, Bishop Payne, himself the most scholarly and far-sighted African Methodist propagator of the times, at once selected him for an associate worker. The same year the bishop ordained him. Armed with commissions from the Freedman's Aid and American Missionary Association, Reverend Steward zealously engaged in the prodigious task of regenerating the South. In Marion, S. C., he opened the first colored school and built the first colored church of that county. Arriving in Americus, Ga., and observing a posted military order which provided for the forcible hiring out of freedmen found in the streets, he that self-same day collected a meeting of freedmen and publicly denounced the invidious regulation. Unknown to the speaker the military commander chanced to be present; and rising to his feet, declared the order then and there revoked. In Macon, Ga., where the pastor incessantly labored for three years, his church was totally destroyed by incendiarism. Ten years after, the undaunted congregation had erected and paid for a new edifice, which over Reverend Steward's protest, they insisted upon dedicating Steward's Church, to-day one of the largest and most influential colored churches in Georgia.



CHAPLAIN THEOPHILUS G. STEWARD, U. S. A.

In these days of reconstruction Rev. Steward's activity was not limited to church and school. For a time he was cashier in the Freedman's Bank. He speculated in cotton. In politics he was conspicuously energetic; wrote the Republican platform of Georgia, which was adopted at a state mass meeting in July, 1868; stumped the state for Grant and Colfax; and served as manager of elections in Macon. The next presidential campaign found him a resident of Wilmington, Del., transferred there in 1871 to Bethel church. Selected to membership on the Republican state committee of Delaware, he contributed largely to the supply of campaign literature. His political writings were decidedly popular. It is a noteworthy fact that Delaware in 1872 gave her electoral vote to Grant and sent a Republican delegation to Congress. In 1873 he visited Hayti in the interest of the A. M. E. church.

Having now forged to the front as a preacher of experience and ability, he held charges successively in Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Washington and Baltimore. While stationed in Philadelphia, he studied at West Philadelphia Divinity School, from which in 1880 he graduated with the highest honors. Immediately afterward, Wilberforce University conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Returning to Wilmington the next year, Dr. Steward completed the erection of New Bethel church. There also he began a vigorous attack on the separate school system of Wilmington without even the support of the colored citizens themselves. Conference transferred him again to Philadelphia, and appointed him to old Union Church, located near Fifth street and Fairmount avenue. Through his efforts the congregation was induced to purchase a fine church property, near the corner of Sixteenth street and Fairmount avenue, and in a single Sabbath, raised toward its payment over three thousand dollars in cash, then the largest cash collection ever made by a colored congregation. His successes as a church builder and eloquent pulpit orator led to his selection for the mammoth Metropolitan church of Washington as its first pastor.

The services of Chaplain Steward in the army began in 1891, when President Harrison commissioned him Chaplain of the Twenty-fifth infantry—the regiment which specially distinguished itself at the battle of El Caney. Entering with zeal into the spirit of military organizations, with a mind matured by twenty-five years' contact with men, he soon became an authority on matters relating to the colored soldier. In the Spanish-American war he was detailed as recruiting officer in Ohio and Kentucky.

As a speaker, Chaplain Steward is forcible and eloquent. His diction is always polished and his delivery graceful. Of foreign languages, he speaks and writes French fluently; with Hebrew, Greek and Latin he is well acquainted. He has achieved prominence as a writer. In Georgia he published a Sunday-school paper "The Sling and Stone." From 1880 to 1884, he was associate publisher of the "African Methodist," a Baltimore weekly. He is a contributor to the newspapers and periodicals of the country. In book-making the subjects generally chosen by him are theological. Of his published works the most important are "Death, Hades and the Resurrection," "Divine Attributes," "End of the World," "Genesis Re-read," an examination of the latest conclusions of science in their bearing upon Mosaic record, a book extensively read, highly endorsed by press and clergy, and used as a reference book at Wilberforce University, and "Religious Life in the U. S. Army," five thousand copies of which have been distributed.

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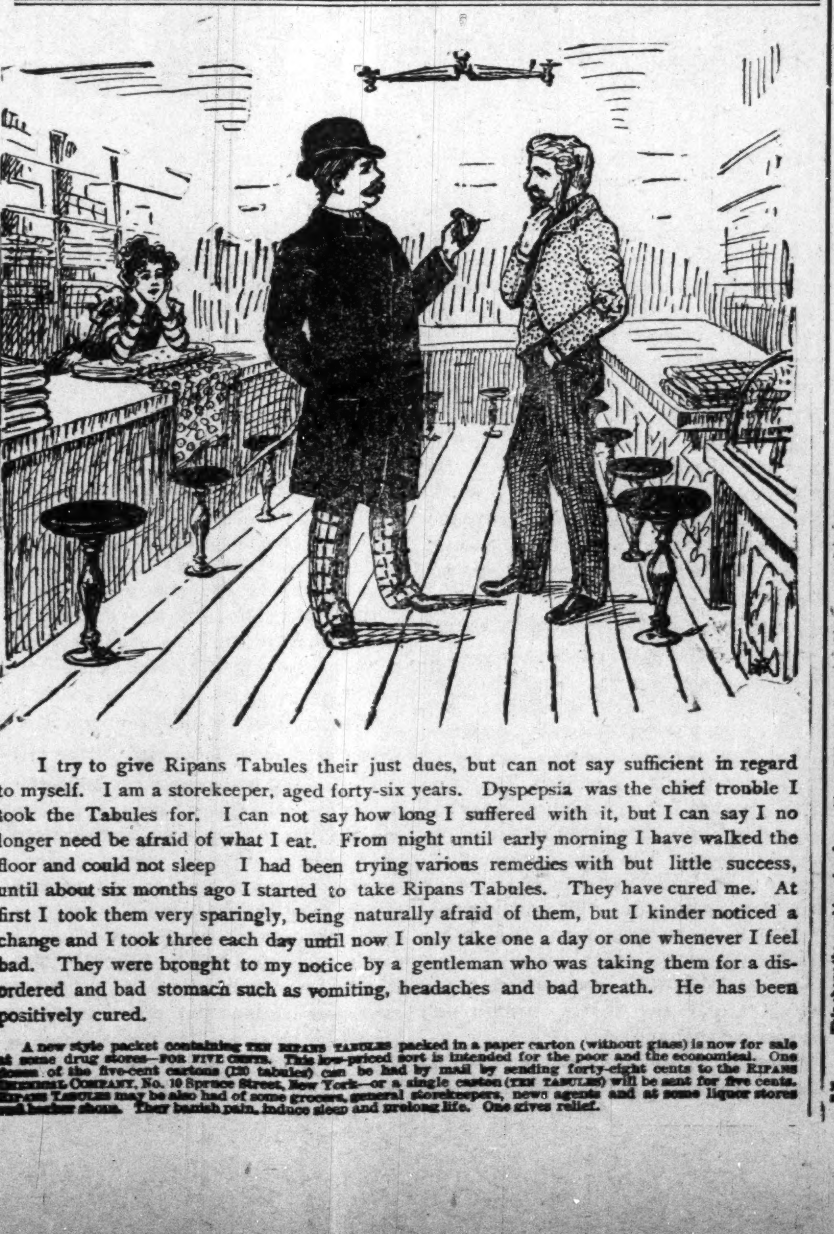

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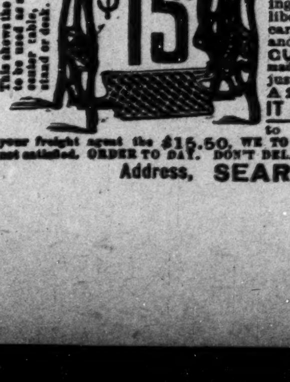

THE FIELD OF SPORT.

"Kid" Roberson the gentlemanly and clever light-weight boxer is still in Indianapolis.

Joe Walcott and Jim Watts have been matched to fight in Louisville, Ky., on the 15th of June.

Bobby Dobbs, who recently defeated Dick Burge in England will meet Denny Driscoll on May 29, at New Castle, Pa

It was announced that Joe Butler and Ed Dunkhorst would box fifteen rounds in the Ariel Club arena, in Philadelphia, Pa., May 22.

Spike Sullivan and Eddie Connelly have signed articles for a twenty-five-round contest to take place before the Lenox Athletic Club, New York.

George Cole, the Trenton, N. J., colored welter-weight boxer, is anxious to get on a match with any of the men in his class for any number of rounds.

Matty Mathews and Frank Bartley fought a twenty-round draw before the Denver Athletic Club the 9th. Bartley had the best of the contest and the decision was not popular.

Although "Kid" Lavigne has refused to accept the Lenox Athletic Club's offer to meet "Spike" Sullivan, owing to his recent illness, the Saginaw lad is trying to clinch a match with Dick Burge, to take place abroad this summer.

According to a dispatch from Paris, Cordang, the 24-hour champion of the world, has accepted the broadcast challenge of Harry Elkes, and has posted 5000 francs with a Paris paper to bind a 50-mile paced match. Cordang requests Elkes to place a forfeit of the same amount in resposible hands, and he will then discuss terms.

Eddie Connelly knocked out George Kerwin in four rounds before the Olympia Club, in Buffalo the 9th. Kerwin has lost his title as "The Mystery," as he was not in the contest at any stage. In the fourth round he was knocked through the ropes, and if his seconds had not caught him, would have fallen to the floor.

Owen Kimble was offered all sorts of inducements to return to the League. A *friend* wrote to him offering to secure his return immediately and without penalty. Kimble registered with the N. C. A., the day after receiving the letter. The Kentuckian is more than anxious to get at Major Taylor, which fact was held up to him as an inducement by what he called his tempter. "I could make money racing the Major," said Kimble, "but I am convinced that the time is near when we may meet anyway; if not in this country, then in the international championships."

The twenty-five round contest on the 9th between Frank Erne and George McFadden was one of the liveliest fights seen in New York this season, Both men were in excellent condition when they entered the ring, and both came out of the encounter cut to pieces. Erne received the dicision, but with much more punishment than he ever got before in a prize-fight. Referee White's decision caused a storm of protest, and Billy Roche, McFadden's manager, charged that it had been "fixed" for Erne to win before he entered the ring.

John Henry Johnson, the popular little colored boxer, is back in Philadelphia, Pa., after quite an extended trip in the West. Johnson made considerable money while away especially, in Chicago, but found living expensive in that city. He says that he did not box Ricke the Chicago feather-weight as the latter refused to fight with him, and a local boxer named George James was substituted, Johnson's name being used to defraud the people. John Henry is very anxious to box Jack Farrell, of Wilmington, Del., at 122 pounds, and if Farrell can't make that weight he will meet the Wilmington boy at 124 pounds, weigh in at 3 o'clock.

Joe Walcott the Barbadoes Negro, made Charley Johnson of Philadelphia, Pa., quit in the tenth round of what was to have been a 15 round fight at the Ariel Athletic Club, Athens, Deleware County, Pa., on the evening of the 8th. Johnson was knocked down and badly dazed in the eighth round, but gamely got up as Referee Fogarty counted "nine," and stood Walcott off in spite of his fierce effort to land his decisive blow. Johnson fought wholly on the defensive from start to finish, forcing Walcott to do most of the work. This is not Johnson's usual style of battle, but his poor condition evidenlty prompted him to take no chances. Walcott was in fine shape, his black skin shining like polished mahogany and standing out in strong contrast to the sickly white of Johnson's complexion.

Walcott went at Johnson in the first round like a whirlwind, forcing him to the ropes and hammering away at him with left and right, as though bent on winning the fight in record time. Johnson blocked the blows as best he could but was finally sent to his knees under the ropes. He was up in a second, and the balance of the round was not so fast. Walcott in every clinch proved that he was the stronger man of the two, and when infighting was resorted to proved himself also the faster boxer. Johnson got home with one on Joe's mouth, however, which started the blood.

Johnson landed his first clean blow in the second round, when he met Walcott flush in the face with his left. It was the sort of a "heel" blow for which Johnson is famous, being delivered with the open glove. Walcott landed one on Johnson's kidneys which did him no good, and then the balance of the round was spent in cautious work, Walcott feeling for an opening, while it was evident that Johnson was willing to wait all night if necessary.

Nothing occurred in the third round. In the fourth Walcott landed a left in the face—the second of a double blow, and also pushed Johnson so far over the ropes that his right leg slipped off the the platform skinning his shin.

Walcott fought hard in the fifth, but could not get close to Johnson, always finding Charley's left sticking out to head him off. Joe cut loose with some stiff left hand swings and also crossed Johnson with his right, but the blows never landed just right, Charley stopping all he could not block or duck. Johnson got back with one pretty good punch, but was strongly on the defensive.

In the seventh Walcott tried to uppercut Johnson, but was blocked. Then he went to work on Johnson's ribs and beat a tattoo that Charley will remember for many a day. That vicious right which has put to sleep so many aspirants for the pugilistic fame was again and again driven into the white man's body as only Walcott can drive it, and whenever Charley forgot to watch out the same wicked right shot up to the face. Johnson took the blows gamely and stopped all he could.

But this sort of work aroused Johnson's ire, and he came up for the eighth round looking mad. That was what Walcott wanted, and about the second time Johnson met Joe in a rally he got a left in the face that dazed him, and a fraction of a second later went down from a right on the jaw.

Johnson was down nine seconds and was groggy when he got up, but he staved off Walcott's rushes for about a minute, and the bell gave him a minute's rest.

The ninth was uneventful, but in the tenth the hard word and lack of condition began to tell, and after making a last effort to fight back, Johnson sank down as though exhausted, and when he got up said to Referee Fogarty: "I can't go no farther."

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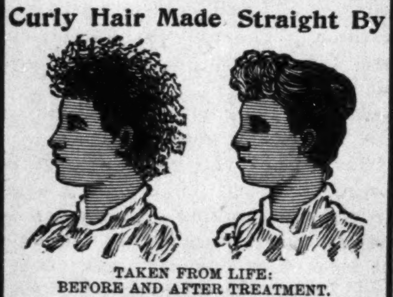

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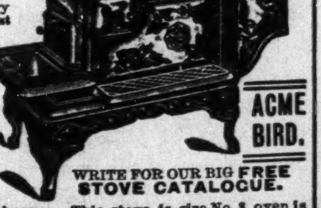

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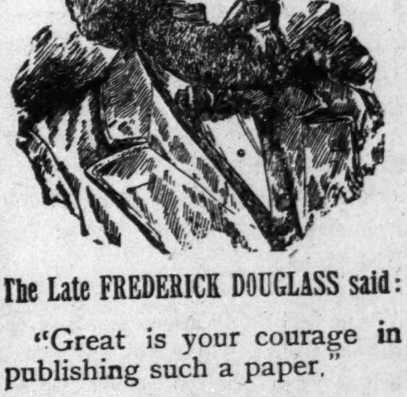

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DR. C. S. SMITH.

Dr. C. S. Smith of Nashville, Tenn., has been with us. His lecture which he gave last week has been the absorbing theme every since the departure of the learned gentleman. There has been much speculation as to what he said and didn't say and what he meant and did not mean under the caption of "There'll be a hot time in the old town to-night."

It may be stated right here, that so far as the immediate audience was concerned the lecture was a huge success. Dr. Smith is a man of ability, has a fine sense of humor, a vein of sarcasm with a dash of irony. These attributes with an excellent voice, a well stocked vocabulary and a magnificent physique constitutes him at once an orator of the first rank.

Mr. Smith in a carefully prepared preface to his remarks gave a charming bit of his biography. He spoke of his travels in foreign lands; notably Africa. 'I have shaken hands with the presidents of the only three Negro Republics in the World"—Liberia, Hayti and San Domingo. His sole object in thus travelling was to study the Negro question.

He had nothing to say of the Hose lynching, insisting rather, that in view of the very strained relations between the races that it was surprising that many more of such events do not happen. And in this he is right and sensible; opinions by narrow-minded individuals to the contrary notwithstanding. In view of the very ill feeling that exists in some localities; that the races get along at all, is simply marvellous. Resting on the ridge of a volcano smoking and smouldering; a daily eruption impeded is to be attributed to more than mortal man. Turkey has her Armenia! Russia has her Poles! Spain had her Cuba! And America had her ante-bellum days. It is a matter of congratulation that it is not worse!

"President McKinley went into the heart of the South and exhausted all the resources of diplomacy to establish himself in the friendship of the dominent element of that section, and it appears to me that the colored voter in the close and doubtful states of the North might for once hold out the olive branch of peace to the 'Gods of mamon' by aiding in putting a national party in power with which the South harmonizes and coalesces. In my opinion, the South is too diplomatic to ignore and despise a distinct and potent ally, even though it be the northern brother in black."

The above by Mr. Smith was perhaps the shrewdest an most significant suggestion let fall by him. The political complexion of the audience was at once detected—the Republican "members" did not applaud.

It is much like the opinion Washington held, only Mr. Smith advises the Northern Negro to do the splitting, while Mr. Washington insists that the Southern Negroes do it. Was it a fine bit of irony after all?—lex talionis?

In either event does it not all depend on a contingency? As the Freeman has said, if in either event it will prove a racial salvation it is the glorious thing to do. But who will risk their reputation as a prophet in predicting the end. It may be said that either party is sick and tired of the whole business and would welcome most any honorable thing to secure a quiet, wholesome racial atmosphere.

But it boots but little to the end if after all the discussion there comes no overtures to join the "triumphant Democracy." There is no evidence as yet that the Negro will be welcomed as a companion-in-arms. The ghost of Bryan and dollar dinners with or without Negroes up in the far North is an index of something. Who knows what?

Are the Negroes able to join the Democratic party were they so disposed? Why not look at things square in the face. After all is it a matter that parties can adjust? Is it not a war against social proximity? Wealth, individual worth, education refinement in their order—all the outgrowth of time will be the fittest instruments to level all distinctions.

As Mr. Smith so well says the inroads "Tom" has made on the preserves "John" has so industriously fenced in, is beginning to attract John's attention. "Tom," the Negro, Mr. Smith insists does not yell enough for "Tom." "Tom" should hurrah for "Tom." The spirit is right but it may be held that if "Tom" worked more and allowed his works to talk instead of talking about his works it would be better in the end for "Tom." What "Tom" needs is smokeless powder, Mr. Smith to the contrary notwithstanding. We know the people of Gascony. However the speaker had reference to "Tom's" own idea of his humbleness, and that he should not feel that heaven designed him especially as a hewer of wood and drawer of water. Even in this modified view it is sufficient to say that the modern Negro has a pretty fair estimate of himself and can never be accused of underrating his importance. His stock of ambition along these lines is at par.

The reference made to the industrial and manual training phase of the Negro question is the old controversy of Washington versus Smith. It, perhaps for the good of the race and especially at this stage should have remained closed.

It is quite evident that Mr. Washington has established his ideas in the minds of the thinkers. Even the colored men who were once opposed to his theory are forced to admit that it is one of the most rational plans of solving the race problem that has yet been suggested. Of course this plan alone can not bring about total relief, but is an unfailing remedy in its sphere of influence.

It may be set down as axiomatic that there is no discrimination in what the earth yields, or the hand creates, and he that can best bring about these results with the least expenditure of capital or labor will succeed best. But Mr. Smith feels that the educated intellect is what is necessary—to make one industrious—shake of lethargy—training mind and hand.

Really there is scarcely room for an issue. They think quite alike, Mr. Washington specifically insists that a superior knowledge of the soil and its requirements are to be considered, if farming is the theme. The best fertilizing materials, processes, etc., along with the proper rotation of crops is but the result of a cultivated intellect. The same idea is carried out in mechanical pursuits; such as the use of machinery, etc., which requires skill that the dead impassive hand cannot acquire except as guided by a well equipped mind. Mr Smith says the same but does not feel that he should condescend to discuss "sweet potatoes," or how he could convert all the milk of a cow into butter. He did not say so in so many words but he said it nevertheless.

The two doctors may congratulate themselves that they are not at loggerheads at all.

Some very pretty verses touching on the late Georgia happenings have been sent to this office, It should be felt however that any attempt to apostrophize the event is entirely out of place. Such events are to be remembered as war cries only when the country is divided into hostile camps and not until then. These wounds are not to be torn agape but must heal in the interest of a common country and a people in common that is to be. Let us work to prevent the repetition of the events only.

RACE IDEALS.

Rev. J. Q. Johnson, pastor of the St. John's A.M. E. Church, of Montgomery Ala., asks that The Freeman be discontinued, because of the numerous advertisements "Black Skin Removers" "Hair Straightening Devices" etc. We think the excuse lame however for without a doubt he knows the opinion, of The Freeman per se, on this subject.

We offer no defence in the matter further than, that we cannot regulate the demands of society. Rev. Johnson, himself is in a very excellent position to thunder phillippics against the modern innovation and supposed evil (?) Let the crusade begin at home and perhaps the rippling circles of influence may in time reach all lands. We have no issue with the gentleman in the matter, but rather hold that he has a part of the task to perform if the thing arises to the dignity of a task. We opine that from the prevalence of these advertisements that there is not likely to be any headway made against the terrific current that has set in. And, after all while the thing is perhaps a flat admission of race inferiority, which is a thing so generally denied by word of mouth, yet it is a lesser evil; one to be humored as a racial whim rather than a serious reflection.

To put it philosophically, it is a striving after the ideal as held up by the dominant people. It is the natural and expected results of the establishment of one ideal rather than the many. Every country perhaps has its types of beauty and perfection and they serve as the patron saints to which that particular country is a devotee as a whole. It is a subjective affair. Putting rings in the lips, nose and ears results in the highest embodiment of beauty in some countries while others oil and paint their bodies. The chinaman shaves off most of his hair, but his cue is religiously preserved. In Japan the married ladies shave their eye brows and stain their teeth black.

In these latter cases the idea is more to follow established custom, perhaps than a mere matter of personal beauty. But it remains to be seen that design and not adventitious circumstances regulate all, and if the individual desires to be conventional and not the subject of inspection and debate he must conform to the customs in vogue in a given country. The above is urged because it is certain that some such feeling actuates the Negroes of America, and will continue so as long as the vast majority of the masses hold out the ideals.

The status of affairs has somewhat of a gloomy aspect if it is felt that preferment is to be based upon the turn of the nose, the cut of the mouth or the kink of the hair. Such a disposition will encourage conditions that will breed trouble and disappointment among those with whom the gods have dealt poorly(? (according to established ideas.) It may, too, set in motion a notion that certain types of individuals are natural incubi and farther more give vent to illegitimacy, and a tendency to-wards the bastardization of the race. Perhaps these things should be spoken about only behind closed doors, yet it is very evident these matters will not down very much longer. They may never wear a frightful mien but they without doubt will contribute to the already existing perplexities.

It is said that Rev. R. C. Ransom, pastor of the Bethel A. M. E. church of Chicago in addressing a Cleveland, O., audience advised that the Negroes become acquainted with dynamite and to use it when their homes were attacked.

Under the plea of acting in self-defense it is admissable to urge that all citizens to do the best in defending themselves. But when dynamite is suggested as the instrument of attack it savors too much of an invitation to attack. "Looking for trouble in other words.

Those who are in high places must prove their fitness to lead or else stand to. It is no difficult task to inflame the populace and in that fact ought to rest the reason for leader to have cool heads in any crisis. If the leaders are swayed by every opposing breeze calling down wrath for every provocation, what will the masses do? It is and has been the chief purpose of the leaders to act with deliberation, exhaust every known reource in attaining ends before the gods of battle are invoked. The call for the use of dynamite is construed to mean a proclamation of war. It does not mean mere defense of the fireside and ingle or else such an extraordinary instrument would not have been selected. This is as the world sees it.

Frank G. Carpenter, the well known correspondent of the Indianapolis Journal has a very excellent article in the Sunday edition of that publication under the caption of Brazillian Diamonds. He gives a graphic description of that country wherein is portrayed customs of the races that live there. Racial distinctions, he says, are not known and in fact there are but few families that are entirely free from the intermingling of Negro and other blood. He has a good word to say of the Council of Bahia, Dr. Henry W. Furniss, of Indianapolis, who he says is making a very good impression and seems to understand his business. The article itself is extremely valuable from a geographical standpoint. It is interesting throughout and leaves an impression of the country that may be considered additional knowledge that may be easily recalled when needed.

The interesting description of the diamond divers will doubtless prove a fruitful theme for compositions in the school rooms. The matter is presented in an attractive style and not too difficult assimilation even in its unreduced form. Geographers might take a hint from his style in presenting their matter in the most enchanting guise.

The souvenir edition of the Evening Scimitar of Memphis, Tenn., of a week or so ago was, to our notion, one of the greatest productions of the kind ever got out in America. It abounded in the likeness of scores of prominent business men of that city public places and private dwellings. It was mammoth in every direction and as an advertiser for Memphis it surely should be a success.

LaPorte, Indiana is preparing for a great day, July, 4. The greatest day that ever dawned, says her majesty, the queen of carnival. The keys of the city are offered gratis and all the fun that can be bagged is allotted each one. Railroad rates down on all lines are promised.

MISGUIDED ADVICE.

(Concluded from First Page.)

hungry and gaunt families will rise up by the score in the day of judgment and confront the tyrant whose wounded vanity wrought their ruin. The next quotation will be put in clearer and more specific words.

"It has been the effort of such a man to try to pick those who are to be elected as collegues. The custom is unreasonable and should be defeated again as it has been in the past."

"The candidate for high office who todies should be defeated. Blinding sentiment and serile fear must give way to reason." The man who does not endorse these words has the spirit of a calf.

Again we will quote an utterance but place it in clearer words.—

"The bishop who would succeed in playing tyrant has but to use his absolute power of making appointments as a cudgel over the heads of those dependent upon him." Is this ever done? Could any one cite an instance?

"The man who is fit for his office is the man who follows his best and highest judgment, and who considers both the man and the place." When writing this sentence I had in mind my own bishop and recalled instances when I had seen him physically ill because of his tender concern for men and yet in the end come out and do heroically what his best judgment dictated for both the man and the place. I am told that Bishop Gaines intimated that this reference was not to my bishop. It is almost impossible to believe that such an assertion could be taken seriously, when it was coupled with an intimation that the compliment was intended for the speaker. The writer is always candid and therefore would never say such a thing under the light of the present.

Again I will quote utterances in clearer words:

"The bishop who uses his absolute power tyranically and according to his selfish interests and personal feelings and makes pretence that his destruction of this man or exaltation of that one is done by inspiration from heaven when in reality he is simply sending to the bushes the man who failed to flatter him or play sychophant or is uplifting the man who licked his feet or did not kick against his familiar treatment of the sisters or the flock should be unfrocked instead of feared and worshiped. Here comes the part that has been most maliciously misrepresented in meaning. It should read:

"Why do I say this?" "Not simply because others say such a case exists?" These words should also have been included. Such intimations have been heard from a bishop concerning one of his collegues.

If the reader is unaware of instances in which a bishop broadly insinuates concerning the moral character of a collegue let him read Bishop Gaines' reply to Bishop Turner in the Recorder of December 29, 1898. I will quote a sentence or so: "I would advise my collegue to keep a cool head and let personalities alone. His vulnerable record might tempt as good natured a man as I am to say things he would not like to hear. I am willing to compare records with my collegue, at least, and have nothing to fear because I am right." That article from Bishop Gaines was widely reproduced in South Africa and is said to have caused over (2000) two thousand to leave one connection. My article has wrought no such harm but will do good to the race.

This is by no means the only instance in which a bishop has made quite broad intimations against a collegue. Facts, some of them in a form that cannot be disputed nor evaded, fully sustain the reason given for above utterance. The reference to talk concerning such a case was simply intended to justify reference made. Our bishops, as a rule are men of such clear reputations and high character that no one could hint or insinuate that this reference reflects upon all without by that very act offering an insult.

The reference to a horse-thief would cast no reflection upon a banker of high standing and to say so would be to insult that banker. For a malicious mischief-maker to go before one of the noble men of our episcopate and dare to say that he might be suspected as being the person under the finger of suspicion raised by reference to the rumor was an insult and a thousand times to be condemned over and above the innocent word which he sought to misrepresent. That mischief-maker is said to be closely related to a little clique that has circulated a very damaging falsehood about another bishop entirely than the one referred to in this article. That clique has tried to divert this article in that direction and thus escape responsibility for what it has started.—

Fortunately the writer is in possession of documentary evidence which will incontestably fasten upon the scheming clique the guilty it seeks to evade. But this is entirely foreign to the article of December and has only been brought near it by skillful design. It is a new and different issue altogether. The writer in defence of the intended victim of that crowd defied them and now has their secret but bitter emunity and at the same time is held up to bear what they did and he resisted. More anon,

J. M. HENDERSON,
New York City.

News of Interest.

Piqua, O., Special.

Mrs. Baker left last Wednesday for Deshler, O., where she will make her future home. Meno Pettiford has just recovered from his recent illness. Thomas Green gave a dance for his friends last Thursday evening in Rossville. Mrs. S. B. Pettiford has removed to her new store on Wayne street. The Park ave Baptist church baptized their converts last Sunday, the number baptized was twenty-three an immense crowd gathered to witness the immersion. The baptismal sermon was preached by Rev. Geo Washington, Xenia. The Cyrene A. M. E. church will hold their baptismal services on the 18th of June they have many converts to sprinkle, pour and baptize, Class number 4 of this church will give a May festival the 24th and 25th. Mr. John Bird spent Sunday in Cincinnati. Christopher Roberson left the city Monday for Wilmington where he will spend a week with relatives, he will continue his journey to Yellowstone National Park. Messrs Boals and Quigley who had a barber shop on Water st. left this week for Columbus.

The Freeman in St. Louis

The Freeman St. Louis headquarters will be a 1402 Chestnut street, W. C. Henderson special agent and St. Louis correspondent. Freeman on sale at all times, matter for the same sent to W. C. Henderson 1402 Chestnut street room 5. Rate of advertising and paid matter on application.

The Marine Band.

Shelbyville, Ind., Special.

The colored Marine Band of this city is showing much improvement. It furnished music for the Odd Fellows when they had their annual sermon, and were highly complimented. The band will go to Rushville, last Sunday in this month to furnish music for the Odd Fellows and the following Sunday they will go to Franklin for the same purpose. We hope they will meet with success in each place. Two more persons have become members. They being Allen Johnson and Frank Vanmeter. Katie Gooden spent Sunday with her brother in Indianapolis. Rev. Davis of Indianapolis spent Sunday in this city, also Rev. Anderson was here and delivered a grand sermon. Misses Bertha and Laura Reed spent Sunday in Indianapolis. A number of our boys spent Sunday in Edinburgh. Communion to-morrow at the Second Baptist church.

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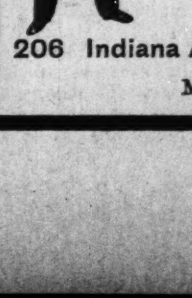

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Bull, Ike
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Cole & Johnson
Criterion Quartette
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Dudley, S. H.
Elliott, Ed. F. (3)
Fidler, Harry (6)
Floyd, Paul C. (2)
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McCabe, D. W.
McQuitty, M. M.
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Pamplin, John (2)
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Preston, Charlie
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Reese, Geo. R.
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Terry, W. O.
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Towell, Jim
Watts, Al F. (2)
White, James, (2)
Young, Billy

The Black Patti Troubadours, Boston, next week.

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Harry Prampin sends regards to Ernest Hogan and C. F. Alexander.

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"Coontown Four Hundred" is booked to appear at Toronto, Canada, week of May 22.

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L. W. Washburn will send out two seperate minstrel companies the coming season.

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Joe Ricks and Richard Lewis have joined Mahara's Minstrels for the summer season.

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Chas. Green sends regards to Chas. Hunter; and says "Thanks for your collection Tio."

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Mr. Sylvester Russell, a well known vocalist in the East, was a Freeman visitor this week.

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Clarence Powell is rehearsing a brand new juggling act which he hopes to produce next season.

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C. Clifford Lewis, baritone, has returned to Indianapolis, after a successful tour of the South.

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Mme. Lucretia Knox, the gifted mezzo-soprano will appear at the B. O. of C. P., benefit next month.

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Willis F. Gauze, female impersonator, sailed on the 17th for Sidney, Australia, with the McAdoo aggregation.

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Look out for Harry Prampin's concert band next season, headed by Sunnie Prince, the lightning drum major.

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Carrie Washington, late member of the Black Patti Troubadours, has joined the "Coontown Four Hundred" Co.

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The "Belle of Tennessee" is the title of a very pretty ballad just issued by J. P. Steele. See advertisment this page.

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P. G. Lowery and his famous band are strong attractions this season with the Forepaugh-Sells Bros'. combined shows.

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The Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra still continue appearing before large audiences. The orchestra is receiving immense encores every night.

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Dick Thomas, the Naptaroon versatile comedian, is studying up a new act for 1900. He thinks it will be a big success. He also sends regards to Harry Gillam and other friends.

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"The Coon Who Fought for Uncle Sam" is the latest "coon" song of the day. Send 10c in silver or stamps for this song. It is a hit everywhere. Address: Geo. Wright, 307 S. 10th street, Hannibal, Mo.

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Robt. Leach is spending his vacation in Chicago. He had to go through a very painful surgical operation Thursday of last week, which is causing him to keep to his bed. At this writing he is getting along nicely.

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Simpson and Pittman, high-class musical artists, after resting a week in Chicago, are filling a summer engagement with Mahara's Colored Minstrels. They send regards to McCarver, Reed and McCarver' Marsh Craig and all friends.

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George Temple, the old-time Indianapolis favorite, writes from Iron Mountain, Mich., that he will be in Indianapolis for the big B. O. of C. P., benefit with a brand new act. He sends regards to all friends and members of the B. O. of C. P.

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Edw. Stewart, musician, past season a member of H. G. Brown's band and orchestra with Washburn's double minstrels was a Freeman visitor this week. Mr. Stewart sends regards to H. G. Brown. Henry Austin and all other friends.

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Hen Wise and Kate Milton are among those engaged by O. M. McAdoo for his Australian tour. They send regards to all friends in the profession and members of the B. O. of C. P's. Mr. Wise writes: "It's a long distance to go after eggs, but we are going just the same."

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All members of McClain Lodge No. 1, B. O. of C. P., are requested to meet at their new temporary quarters, Pride of the West (K. of P.) hall, corner Illinois and Georgia streets, Monday evening, May 22, 8 o'clock sharp. Business of importance.

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Mr. W. A. Junker, business manager of Oliver Scott's Refined Negro Minstrels is spending his vacation at Hot Springs, Ark. He writes that the show this season will be bigger and grander than ever. Many of the old-time favorites have been retained and several new features will be added.

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The Melroys Minstrels of 30 colored artist under the full direction of Billy D. Black, have opened a seasons engagement with the Belview Garden, a summer resort. This is the first season the managers of the garden, Kings Highway and Easton have opened in any way, to colored performers or colored patrons.

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We are under many obligations to Mr. J. J. Thomas for souvenir program of "Thirty Years of Freedom" a historical dramatic and spectacular production given by over two hundred representative colored people of Kansas City, Mo., at Coates Opera House, that city, May 9-10. He writes that it was a big success, both from an artistic and financial standpoint.

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Jas. T. Boyd's American Entertainers are filling an engagement in Greenwood, Ind., May 20. The following are the most prominent members of the company: Mr. and Mrs. John Tolliver, Wm. Goodall, Allie Morton. Oscar Gray, the Plunger Quartette, Johnson and Lewis, musical artists; Sallie Walker, May Bass, May E. Berry and Howard Harris.

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A big time is anticipated during the Grand session of the Benevolent Order of Colored Professionals, which will convene at Indianapolis June 12-14. Delegates from lodges in Chicago, New York, Toledo and St. Louis will be present to make necessary laws and to form and elect officers of a national body. The local committee are sparing no pains to make things pleasant for all present on this occassion.

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Jesse Mitchell sends the following from the "Coontown Four Hundred" "We are still playing to excellent business. Carrie Washington is the latest addition to the company, and she is making a hit singing 'I Wonder What is That Coon's Game" with Jesse Mitchell. Tutt and Tutt, as usual. are making the same big hit in their cake walk and by the singing of "Kill it Babe." Master Mack Byrd is our little drum major. Lena Mitchell joined us in Chicago. Mrs. Julia Roan is still holding her own, and sends best regards to Alice Mackay Accooe. Hugo Conn, late musical director of Court Theatre, Chicago, is a good addition to our show.

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Anderson, Beaman and Flaggs' minstrels in conjunction with M. C. Johnsons' Cake Walkers organized in Columbus, Miss., for a summer tour through Mississippi, Alabama and Ga. They gave their initial performance there on May 8, to standing room only. The performance was one of the best given this season. Anderson, Beaman and Flagg are comedians, vocalists and dancers hard to excel. They have a band of 16 pieces which is a corker. The first part is said to be the finest Columbus has seen this season. The feature of the olio was the singing of Miss Lucy Gilmer, who is called the Mississippi, Black Patti." Thomas and Shumake, musical comedians, Al Billup, buck and wing dancer and old man impersonator; Steve Anderson, monologuist and Beaman and Flagg, the two "hot ones" divided honors.

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Arthur L. Prince our special representative with Wright's Nashville Students writes: "A. P. Harris our stage director has been very busily engaged rehearsing a sketch. It has been said that there are very few good performers from the South, but, during our travel South last winter a small boy joined the show, as a boy tenor, but as a comedian and a singer of coon songs he has been under the cover. During our engagement recently at Washington, Ill., the wonderful boy tenor put on a sketch with Mrs. Ida Lee Wright, entitled: 'Fun for Fun.' It was simply awful, both responding to many encores. Williams and Vaughan are fast gaining a reputation as singers and dancers. Williams, alias 'Cotton-eyed Joe' leaves them roaring at the end of his buck dance. John Stewart is stlll knocking them a twister with his head stand on the slack-wire."

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom McIntosh will star next season in a farce comedy written especially written for them entitled: "A Hot Old Time in Dixie."

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Smith and Jones' Log Cabin Concert company and Challenge Cake Walkers Col. Bud Smith and Billy Jones, managers; Humphrey Eubanks, advance agent; R. H. Barnett, stage director. Mrs. Mollie Mason, prima donna; Mrs. Nettie Barnett, Misses Francis Butler, and Helen Harris, Mrs. Mollie McKinney, Walter Davis, Ray Crockett, Troy Pendleton, and Prof. Ed Mason. Bud Smith and R. H. Barnett are the principal comedians. They are meeting with good success, as they are putting up an excellent entertainment. The Kirksville colored concert band and orchestra is with them under the direction of Prof. G. W. Jones. Members of the band are as follows: J. G. Jones, solo Bb clarionet; Carl M. Wilson, cornet; Percy Wilson, 1st cornet; Elbert Hall, 1st alto; Roy Herìald, 2nd alto; Glenola Johnson, solo slide trombone; Ora Hays, 1st trombone; Mason Hall, 2d tenor; R. H. Barnett, tuba; Harry Hoskins, euphonium, Wm. Jones, tuba; Allie Roulette, snare drum; John Louis, drum major; Lee Hoskins, bass drum; C. W. Jones, solo Bb cornet and leader.

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Notes from Maharas Minstrels:—"Despite the warm weather our business keeps above the "thermometer." The present indications are that this summer season will eclipse all previous seasons with this company. Messrs Joseph Ricks and Richard Lewis joined on the 8th. The gentlemen were warmly received by the members of the company welcoming them back once more. Simpson and Pittman, musical artists are with us and are doing an act which wins for them rounds of applause and credits them with substantial and merited hits. Our afterpiece by Mr. Gordon Collins, entitled "Sharkey and McCoy Fight" has been greatly improved, as well as the burlesque and it makes a really enjoyable act full of comedy and action. Mr. Jas. R. Johnson, vocal director comes in for a good share of favor, singing 'Asleep in the Deep.' The Watts, Al. F. and Cecil Smith, sing and dance themselves into the good graces of the audience. Bland and Garland evoke hearty laughter by their comic duetts and witty repartee.

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St. Louis, Mo., notes:—The J. F. Stowe's Incompatable Uncle Tom's Cabin Company, represented by sixteen colored specialists and a colored concert band of 12 pieces and a "Millitary team of 7," with A. E. Holman, who also "dudes the parade," have been playing the past week in St. Louis at Havlin's theatre, to an overly crowded house at each performance. Miss Bettie Proctor, of Topeka, Kan., holds honors for champion lady cake walker. This company has just closed Saturday night, 13th inst. their winter season of 37 weeks, having played to the coast and returned with only three days loss, They will on the 22d inst., open their summer engagement at St. Charles Mo., and play as far as St. Paul, Minn., contemplating reaching there within about five weeks. The attractive feature of their stay here was the spectacular wedding on the stage, after the performance, at which time Mr. A. E. Holman, of New Haven, Con. and Miss Mammie Heath of New York City, both members of the Company, were united in wedlock, witnessed by a packed house. The ceremony being performed by Rev. W. H. Pierce, pastor of the Zoar Baptist church this city. Miss Bettie Proctor, of Topeka, Kan., was 'maid of honor,' while Mr. John W. Barr, of Wilmington, Del., of the company acted as best man. The Freeman representative found them at their bridal retirement at Mrs. Annie Pease's hotel 1316 Chestnut st., enjoying themselves to ice cream and other delicacies, and congratulated them for The Freeman and its many theatrical readers and professional friends. A doubling up of the company took place by filling a request for a Sunday night performance. The city was overrun with visitors, the occasion being the visitation of the battle-ship Nashville over Sunday in this city.

In and About the City

St. Louis, Mo., Special.

The World's Fair is an assured contemplation. The colored schools have subscribed $1,310 for the fund. It is talked that Prof. John B. Vashon principal of Vashon school, will wed a talented lady teacher of the ciiy this vacation. It is said that Prof. O. M. Wood is applying for a divorce. Prof. Wood is making L'Overture school a living monument to his long memory. He has an excellent cabinet of able and scholarly teachers. Prof. J. Arthur Freeman, at Delany's Corondolet is succeeding in his new charge with an able corp of assistants. Prof. Langston is still the same old model school teacher, in the model school, Frank Brown, a licensed electrician, and an employee of the city fire and police telegraph department is a candidate for Custom House eletrician. Edward W. Newsome formerly editor of the St. Louis Sun, has established a private school of stenography and type writing at 5622 Mill street and will graduate a class of three full fledged for practical work soon, with public exercises. The Jolly Rulers Dancing Club, cleared over $300 at their recent terpsichre entertainment. The South End Social Club, carried off the silver prize for the largest number of members. The old campaigner Jas. W. Grant is to be congratulated for his artistic skill and easy manner of managing concert companies and home talent. The recent Knight Templar's Club extra spring entertainment given at the "Nat," was upon his part a perfect success. He contemplates bringing the noted colored pianist, Miss Harrietta Gibbs daughter of Hon. Judge Gibbs of Little Rock. Ark., graduate of Oberlin, O., conservatory of music to our city, accompanied by other phenoninal talent. Miss Anna Mason, 2642 Short Market, also Misses Mamie Sutton and Mattie Allen contemplate leaving soon for Chicago, Ill. Mrs. E. W. Roper, is to be found at 4024 Finney avenue., L. K. Gillespie can be found at 4024 Finney avenue, they are recent arrivals. The Self Culture Club, composed of a number of the leading young colored ladies of the city recently adopted resolutions of condolence with the oppressed Southern Negro, and urged for a constitutional amendment assuring to the race constitutional rights, denied. Among the leading ones are Mrs. Nellie P. Gibson, president; Miss Kathrine Hurley, vice president; Miss Georgette F. Gibson, secretary; Miss Eva F. Carter treasurer; Miss Clara E. She, corresponding secretary. The libel suit of lawyer W. M. Farmer, VS the St. Louis Sun, (Aaron Jones) was thrown over until May 16, last week because of a technicle point raised by the defendents attorney lawyer Albert Burgess, (colored) police attorney of the Corondolet district recently re-appointed. The Colored Hephzibah Rescue Home directresses have somewhat startled the colored citizens of St. Louis by the wide distribution of a circular, appealing for aid, with these words in black face, "there are 10,000 fallen young colored women in St. Louis." Of course it is untrue unless every young colored woman in the city is as they proclaim, "fallen." This no intelligent or unprejudiced person will believe. There are not many more than 10,000 young colored women in St. Louis, in proportion to the total Negro population of 60,000 and hence such a statement from the white managers is highly insulting, rather than appealing. It is an untruth, and brings forth indignation rather than co-operation of rescuing. J. M. Arbuckle, shipping clerk for the Western Methodist Book Concern, contemplates giving a dinner soon to the St. Louis colored press. Long live the generous Johnnie, and the madame, may they live long to feed the hungry Knights of the pen and press. Dr. Webb Curtis, brother of Drs. W. P. Curtis and T. A. Curtis, of this city, enroute for his home in Chicago, just from his military employment in Cuba in the late war, paid our city a visit recently. He speaks encouragingly of our new posessions, but feels that the Negro who contemplates starting for the field to "look before he leaps," he concludes that this country is large and good enough for him for some time yet. The Orphans Home Bazar, given recently for the Home, netted $340.48. They were assisted by excellent talent, over $76 on the building fund has been recently added. Mrs. Adeline Wilson-Graves of Boston, Mass., now of St. Louis is critically ill at her home 2605 Chestnut street, attended by Dr. W. P. Curtis. The Grand Court of Heroines of Jericho, of the state of Missouri, will hold their 25th annual session in this city from the 23rd to the 26th inst.

Interesting Items.

Minneapolis Minn., Special.

The Nat Turner Lodge No 2, and Pride of Minnesota Lodge No 5, K. of P., will have their annual sermon preached by the knightly Rev. W. S. Brooks, at St. Peters A. M. E. church on the 28th day of May, a very large attendance is expected by the Sir Knights. Capt. Wm. Jeffery in command. Thos. Scott has begun riding a wheel. The bicycle craze is known as the cycleitis. The St. Thomas Episcopal Mission, gave its initial Strawberry Social, Thursday evening and quite a large crowd attended and enjoyed themselves immensely. The Mission is rapidly growing in its membership, the pastor in charge claims that its growth at present is far beyond his expectation. Hon. J. Frank Wheaton is in Omaha, Neb., looking after interests of the Shepard Photo project, establishing state agencies througout the South before his journey homeward. So Mr. reader if he is in your city welcome him with all your have, he is one of us. Marion Blackwell, spent two weeks at his Ohio home and returned to his vocation in the flour city Tuesday and reports a fine time. Prof. Wm. Gray's (colored) orchestra is now doing all the elite playing. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson have established themselves at the little town Mora, Minn., and are doing quite well.

Commencement Exercises.

Tuscumbia. Ala., Special.

Prof. G. W. Trenholm, Ph. B. principal of the colored high school at this place, will have everything in fine trim on the 19th inst. Tuscumbia and the school will be conspicuous by the reason of the fact that the second annual commencent will be in progress. The following will be the order of the services. Rev. P. C. Parker will preach the Commencement sermon, Rev. S. A. Edwards will deliver the annual Temperance address. W. H. Parker of Montgomery. Ala., will deliver the annual graduating address. A lively time is anticipated.

Officers Elected.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

Mount Maria Lodge No. 66, Free and Accepted Masons elected the following officers on the 1st inst:—J. G. Dehart, W. M.; Frank Nesbit, S. W.; Thomas Reeves, J. W.; Chas. Mosley, secretary; H. Gardner. treasurer; J. H. Carter, chaplain; Geo. Fowkes, S. D.; Chas. Shelby, J. D.; W. H. Smith, S. S.; Mose Moore, J. S Miss Marshall Yates has recovered. Memphis is to have a bicycle club. Charley Williams is Memphis' crack long distance rider he stands ready for any one for a 75 mile dash.

Among the Churches.

Hannibal. Mo., Special.

Rev. Chavis chaplain of the 8th Illinois Volunteers who witnessed service in Cuba during the late Spanish-American War, lectured at the 8th and Center street Baptist church Thursday the 11th inst. The elder is a fluent speaker and intelligently discussed the condition of the Cuban patriots in the future insular republic. Among special features of the series of grand entertainments given at the A. M. E. church was a drill under the comm nd of Wm. Parish, being composed of a number of young girls, who having sparred no time or means to thoroughly prepare for the event. They were dressed in beautiful costumes of white, presenting a georgous appearance, and every move characterized will precision and uniformity. A number of persons of the city went to St. Louis Sunday to see the United States gunboat the Nashville. Among the number was Mrs. Parish, Mrs. Wright, Misses Georgia Kelly, Annie M. Wright, Josie Watson, Messrs Wm. Hamilton, Warren Clay, and John Ceasar.

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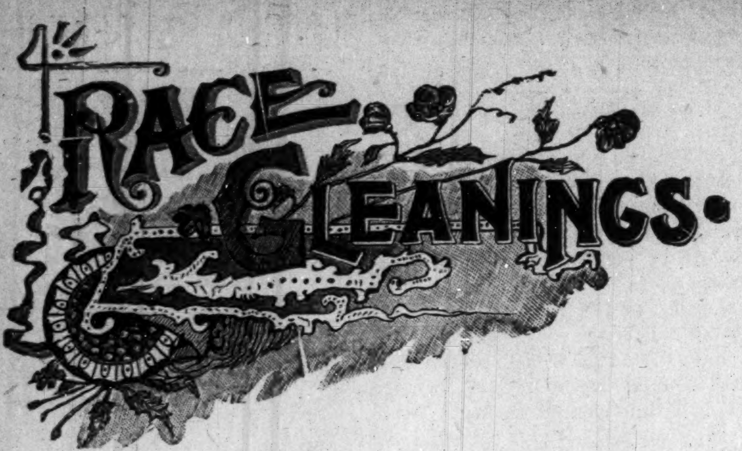
RACE GLEANINGS.

C. P. Huntington, the millionaire railroad magnate has donated $12,000 to the Negro reform school of Virginia.

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Mr. Orpheus M. McAdoo and a company of twenty-five performers sailed from San Francisco, Cal. on the 17th, for Sidney, Australia.

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Prof. Booker T. Washington and wife of Tuskegee, Ala., sailed from New York on the 10th for Autwerp. They will return August 6.

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Watts Colston, 110 years of age of W. Va., is dead. He was the chief caterer at the reception dinner given in honor of President Jackson.

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Campbell College of Jackson Miss., has conferred the degree of D. D. upon one of Indianas distinguished sons. Rev. G. W. Hardiman of Greencastle.

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Mr. John Brandett, president of the Drivers Mutual Aid Association of Nashville, Tenn., informs us that for 90 days the association will have open dispensation. They expect many new faces.

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Rev. Richard Carroll, who was chaplain of the Tenth Immune Regiment has returned home and has taken up the work of organizing an Industrial school for boys and girls near Columbia. S. C. Eighty acres of land have been donated for the Institution.

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Gov. Roosevelt, of New York has fixed Friday, June 9, for the unveiling of the Douglass Monument in Rochester, N. Y. thus completing the program of Sept. 14, 1898. There will be a parade in which military, civic and other organizations will take part. Col. H. P. Pond will act as Marshall of the day.

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George Dinning, colored was awarded $50,000 by a jury of white men in the United States Court on May 5, at Louisville, Ky. The defendents were farmers of Logan and Simpson counties. The award is the full amount sued for. Dinning killed Jodie Conn, who with the defendents against whom judgement was rendered, visited his home at mid-night in January, 1897, to drive him away. His home was afterward burned and his family, including his wife and children was driven away from home.

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Prof. E. T. Denby, Ph. B., S. T. B. was ordained to the Priesthood of the American Catholic Church, better known as the Episcopal Church, by Bishop Gailor, D. D., L. H. D., D. C. L. Father Denby is a scholar of the first rank and has several positions of note. He is an orator, lecturer and a powerful preacher. Father Denby at present is the head master of St. Paul's School, of Mason, Tenn. The Herrin Shaw's Encyclopedia of American Biography gives an account of the Fathers life,

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Frank W. McCarthy one of the most prominent Negroes in southwest Georgia, died at his home in Albany, Ga., May 9. His funeral was attended by an immense throng of both whites and blacks. For the first time in the history of Albany, a town of 8000 inhabitants, every store and office was closed in honor of a Negro, no business being transacted while the funeral was in progress. McCarthy never dabbled in politics. His death is deplored by white and colored people,

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While serving a ten years' sentence in the Eastern penitentiary, a colored prisoner, who has just been discharged, turned his mind to invention, with successful results. Besides making himself useful by inventing several mechanical devices that were put to use in the employment department of the institution, this genius completed a model for an automatic fire-escape that promises to be a commercial success. The escape is a clock-like arrangement so constructed that when one person has alighted on the ground the rope winds up and is again ready for use. A patent has been applied for.

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Wilberforce University will hold its thirty-sixth annual commencement June 15. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Bishop B. F. Lee; annual sermon Payne Seminary, Bishop James A. Handy; annual sermon, University, Bishop Abram Grant. The annual address before the literary societies will be delivered by Prof. Richard R. Wright, president Georgia State Industrial College; annual Alumi Address, Rev. J. Albert Johnson of Washington, D. C. A special address will be made before the Alumni Association, Thursday, June 15, by Rev. C. S. Smith, secretary of the A. M. E. Sunday School Union.

News Notes.

Sherman Tex., Special.

Prof. L. J. Williams and Dr. A. N. Prince attended the Knights of Pythias Grand Lodge at Ft. Worth this week. The Fred. Douglass school will open Monday the 15th inst and close June 9th. A number of Sherman young people are thinking of attending the summer Normal at Bonham. The tuition is $3.50. Rev. G. H. Harlee's horse became frightened and runaway with him. As a result he received several painful cuts on the hand. Messrs Joe Branham and Allen Curr, of Dennison were in the city last week. The small pox situation has greatly improved and it is thought ere long those in detention camps will be allowed to return home. Mr. Frank Bell has had his barbershop improved and it is now a fine specimen of colored industry. Mr. Hud Humes and Miss Louisa Noals were united in marriage at the residence of Mrs. Alice Shurlock. Rev. S. A. Tillman officiated. Mrs. Delila Mentzel of Denver City, Colo., is in the city visiting her sister Mrs. Harriet Price. Wm. H. Melton, editor of The Southern Herald, Waco, Texas was in the city Saturday. The Freeman is on sale at Carpenter and Kidd's cafe. Mr. Fletcher Philipps has returned from his visit to Hot Springs, Ark.

ASBESTUS.

Some of the Peculiarities of This Mysterious Substance.

Asbestus is a physical paradox, yet one of nature's most marvelous productions. It has been called a mineralogical vegetable; it is both fibrous and crystalline, elastic, yet brittle; a floating stone, which can be readily carded, spun and woven into tissue. In Germany it is known as steinflachs (stone flax), and the miners of Quebec give it quite as expressive a name—pierre coton (cotton stone). The asbestus mines of Quebec are the most famous in the world, yielding 85 per cent of the entire output, Italy being the only competing country, and there the industry is declining. Although Charlemagne is said to have had a tablecloth of asbestus, which he cleansed by throwing into the fire, it was practically unknown until 1850.

The Italian mineral was then experimented with and some years later put on the market. In 1878 the first Canadian mine was opened, and the product steadily increased until 1890, when 9,860 tons, worth $1,260,000, were mined. There has since been a decline in value, the amount for 1896 being 12,200, worth only $430,000. Asbestus is flexible, noncombustible and a nonconductor of heat and electricity, and on these properties its increasing use depends. It is spun into yarn, from which cloth is woven for drop curtains in theaters, clothing for firemen, acid workers, etc. It is made into lamp wicks and gloves for stokers and ropes for fire escapes. It is felted into millboard to be used as an insulator in dynamos and as a fireproof lining for floors. It is used to insulate electric wires and as a covering to prevent loss of heat from steam pipes. Mixed with rubber it is used to pack steam joints.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

BATTLE WITH SHARKS.

A Desperate Encounter In Which Two Man Eaters Were Slain.

Probably the most desperate fight which has ever been witnessed between a couple of sharks and a human being took place at Havana some time ago.

Several fruit peddlers had boarded a large mailboat, and among them was a swarthy, bare legged young chap noted among his comrades as a clever swimmer. The purser of the vessel was standing by the gangway, holding his child in his arms, watching a couple of sharks that were hanging about the ship. Accidentally the child fell out of its father's grasp into the water. The father immediately jumped overboard and seized his child, and in a moment the sharks were making for the pair.

Seeing the predicament, the bare legged young buccaneer dropped his fruit basket and went over the rail like a flash.

As the first shark turned on its back—the invariable prelude to biting its victim—the young fruit seller rose to the surface, and, with a long, keen edged knife, fairly disemboweled it.

The other was not nearly so easily disposed of. The shark seemed to realize that in the fruit seller he had a dangerous foe and apparently sparred for an opening. Several men on board the vessel blazed away at the monster with revolvers, but the young fellow begged the men to desist, being unnerved by the firing. Fish and man dived alternately, and when the fish did make for its foe the plucky boy dived and plunged the knife in its side.

The water was crimson with blood when the three were hauled safe and sound to the deck of the vessel, and a handsome sum of money was collected for the victor.

Trying to Fix a Limit.

Mrs. Gofrequent—How old do you take Mr. Mixwell to be?

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EXCURSION TO THE SEASHORE.

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The excursions for the summer of 1899 will again afford opportunity to enjoy refreshing ocean bathing and sailing, the invigorating sea air, and the myriads of attractions for which the seaside is famous

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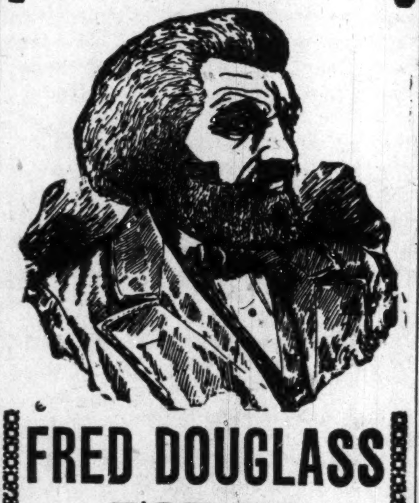

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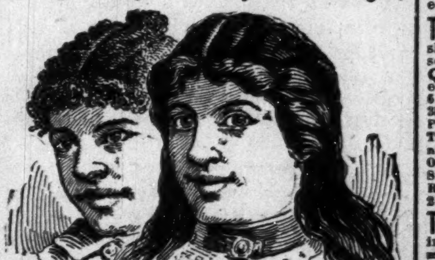

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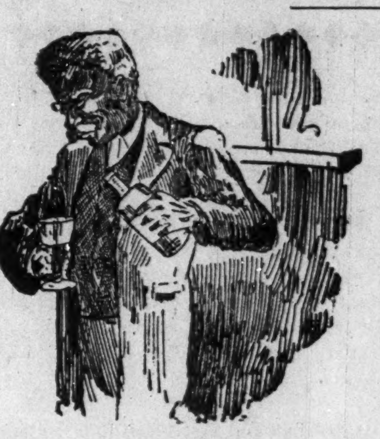

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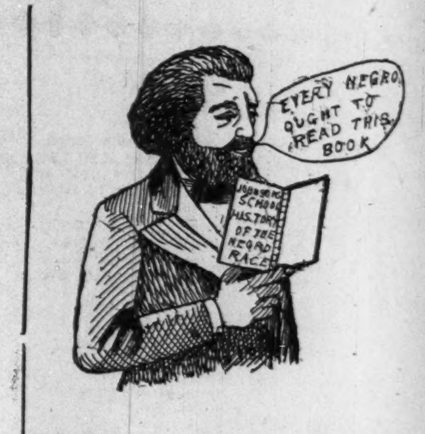
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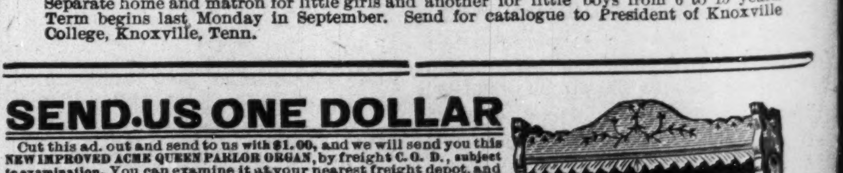

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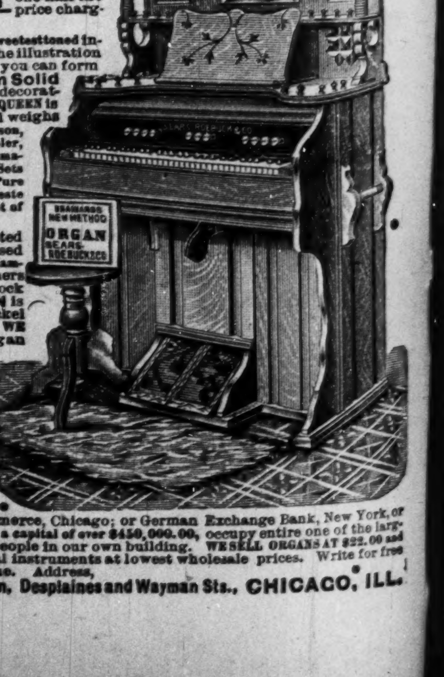
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The Organization of Afro-American Councils—The Day of Fasting and Prayer Will Be Observed—Words of Encouragement.

The recent lynchings in Arkansas and other parts of the country, especially the fiendish and barbarous burning of Sam Hose, near Newman, Georgia, on Sunday, April 23, are additional and powerful arguments for the speedy organization of Afro-American Councils. These outrages are the outward manifestation of intense hatred of the Negro. Nothing but resistance on the part of Afro-Americans themselves will stop this nefarious business. The need of the hour with the Afro-American race is the inculcation of manly courage; like other races, we must be willing to die for our rights. With us there has been too much teaching to submit to injustices for the sake of expediency instead of standing for principle. Our people all over the country must be taught to place a higher estimate upon themselves: the best way to do this is by organization.

ORGANIZATION

It is the purpose of the Afro-American Council to organize first of all the leaders of the race. Our plan for accomplishing this purpose is to organize circles, councils of ten or more persons. There should be no difficulty in organizing and perpetuating a council of this kind, as the cost of keeping it up would be nominal. since they could meet in private homes where it was not possible to secure churches or halls. Barren indeed of race-loving material must be the locality where ten Afro-Americans cannot be gathered together into a circle to interchange ideas and formulate plans to better the condition of their race. Our plan of organization is a simple one and is as follows:—

Any person who has sufficient interest in the matter should send invitations to leading Afro-Americans citizens, regardless of church affiliations, who are interested in the betterment of the condition of Afro-Americans to meet in some private house, church or hall. If as many as ten assemble and are willing to subscribe to the objects set forth in the Constitution, they can be organized by the election of officers, as set forth in Section 3, page 22, of By-Laws of the local Constitution.

GRATUITOUS SERVICE.

There are a large number of persons, and in many instances influential men and women who are prepared intellectually and financially to render effective service in an organization like the Council, whose main objection to joining it is, that they believe it to be simply a scheme of the organizers to benefit themselves, financially. In order to meet this objection which has hindered so many good enterprises of the kind, the Council decided that no officer should receive a salary except the National Financial Secretary, whose entire time is given to the work of the Council. We believe this will commend itself to the thoughtful and strengthen the confidence of all in the integrity of the Council. The exigency of the case demand that the men who have sufficient income should be willing to give their time and talent to the work of the amelioration of the condition of our race.

BUREAUS

We have already organized three bureaus, namely:

1. Literary Bureau.
2. Legislative and Legal Bureau.
3. Emigration Bureau.

To be organized at the next meeting:

4. Business Bureau.
5. Educational Bureau.
6. Ecclesiastical Bureau,

The object of the Literary Bureau is to flood this and foreign countries with literature on race conditions, etc., as they exist in America.

The Legal and Legislative Bureau is to test the constitutionality of the unjust election laws, hunt down lynchers, etc.

The Emigration Bureau is to promote plans for migration of Afro-Americans from the congested parts of the South to the sparsely settled sections of the North and West, where prejudice is not so rampant.

The Business Bureau is to encourage business enterprises among the race.

At every meeting of the local council the question should be asked: "What new business enterprises can we form?" 2nd, "How much will each member subscribe towards said enterprises?"

The educational Bureau is to encourage and perfect as far as possible the education of the race, both higher and industrial.

The Ecclesiastical Bureau is to look after such matters of the Council as affect the churches, and the morals of the race.

The work of the Courcil is meeting with success beyond our most sanguine expectations, as the following letters will show:—

House of Representatives U. S.
Washington, D. C., April 20, 1899.
Bishop A. Walters.
Jersey City, N.J.

Dear Sir:—

I am delighted with the work of the Council. There are several points in my state (North Carolina) ripe for the organizations of local councils, and I would be pleased if you would send me such literature as you may have at hand, that I may distribute among the people down there, that in the near future they may be sufficiently informed to enable us to organize a State Council. With best wishes, I have the honor to remain

Very sincerely yours,
GEORGE H. WHITE, (M. C.)

Mr. Edwin H. Hackley, Editor of the Denver "Statesman," writes:—

Denver, Colo., April 13, '99.

Bishop A. Walters. President of the National Afro-American Council, Jersey City.

My Dear Sir:—

I shall do anything necessary to aid you and other men of energy throughout the country to cope with our race conditions. We have a society of a similar nature in Colorado, and its affiliation with the Council may be the most advisable undertaking.

I am sincerely yours,
EDWIN H. HACKLEY.

Mr. T. B. Morton, president of the Afro-American League of California, writes:—

San Francisco, Cal., April 13, '99.

Bishop A. Walters, 228 Duncan avenue, Jersey City, N. J.

My Dear Friend and Brother:—

I accept the position as one of the executive members of California, tendered me by the Council. Of course you are aware that we have an Afro-American League here. I am inclined to the opinion that we might be able to merge the present league into the Council, just by dropping the word "League" and inserting the word "Council," although I am more favorable to the former than to the latter, and think the word "League" more appropriate; yet I am willing to do, or give up anything and everthing to the elevation of, and the enjoyment of the Constitutional rights, by my poor, oppressed race; if such act would secure it, I would hang to-day. God bless you and your work. Love to Fortune.

Very sincerely,
T. B. Morton.

It is hoped that the suggestions of Messrs Hackley and Morton will meet with favor all over the country where ever leagues are established, and their titles changed from "Leagues" to "Councils." It is the earnest wish of the Council that the Day of Fasting and Prayer (First Sunday in June) be generally observed by all Afro-Americans, and as many whites as are in favor of fair play.

A. WALTERS.
President of the National Afro-Ameri- Council. 228 Duncan avenue, Jersey City, N. J.

DAWN'S MASQUE.

Sleep no more, Corinna! Night
Stealthily in ghostly veiling
Fleeing, scattered in her flight
Whereso'er her mantle trailing,
Brushed and bent each grassy spear
Bounties of dew silver here.

Now in splendid pageant moves
Like a far sea phosphorescent,
Passing down the mountain groves,
Dawn to kiss the lake's blue crescent,
Golden arrows falling ever
From her loose rose belted quiver.

Silken strands of thistle down
(Woven by the pixie maiden)
Glitter, and the coral crown
Wherewith every hawthorn's laden,
E'en as if in rubies set,
Sparkles with the hoar frost wet.

Sleep no more, Corinna! Nay,
Slumber hath outstaid its limit
When the pomp of newborn day
Throstles see and rise to hymn it,
When, all loveliness, the sun
Setteth forth his course to run!

—Pall Mall Gazette.

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"'I am in a great hurry to catch a train,' he said, 'and would be very grateful if you would allow me to take the chair ahead of you.'

"Such requests are not unusual, and the doctor, who is naturally obliging, told him to go ahead and resumed his seat. The other man had hardly climbed into position when the barber picked up a razor and cut his throat from ear to ear, killing him instantaneously.

"In spite of stories to the contrary, I think that is the only case of the kind that ever happened in the United States. The barber turned out to be insane, but the horror of the scene and the almost miraculous character of his own escape made such an impression on the mind of the doctor that he has never since allowed anybody to shave him.

"Only this morning I trimmed his hair, and in finishing the job I started, as is customary, to shape up the growth of his temples with the corner of my razor. The moment he caught sight of the blade he turned pale as death. 'Don't touch me with that!' he exclaimed. 'Do the best you can with the scissors and let the rest go!' He has known me a long time and I suppose has confidence in my sanity, but the reminiscence was too much for him, and, really, I don't wonder."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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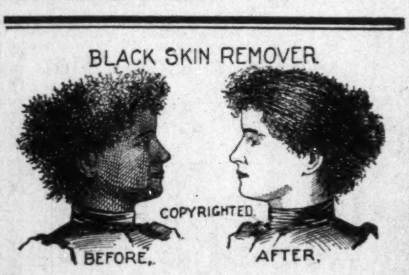

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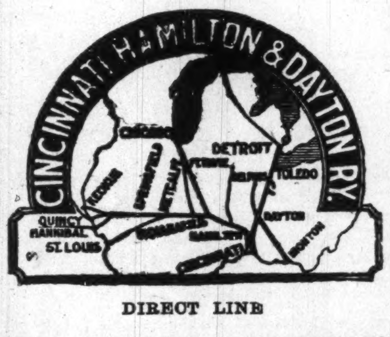

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Mrs. Milton Gentry of 727 West 11th street is visiting in Jeffersonville, Ind.

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Rev. Hayes of St. Louis filled the pulpit at Simpson chapel last Sabbath.

Any kind of service but bad at Clark Burton's Restaurant, Indiana avenue.

Miss Alice Roberts, of Shelbyville, Ind., was shopping in the city Wednesday.

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For a cup of good tea or coffee, go to the Pythian Cafe 312 Indiana avenue.

Rev. J. S. Masterson, of Lansing, Mich., favored this office with a call on Tuesday.

Soft drinks, ice cream and good service at Clark Burton's, 419 Indiana avenue.

Rev. E. H. Ware pastor of the Summer street church, Nashville, Tenn., was in the city last week.

Mr. P. L. Morehead was in the city a few hours Saturday enroute from West Baden to his home in Wabash Ind.

Distinguished Visitors.

Mr. Charles W. Norwood, ex-register of deeds at Wilmington, N. C., and Dr. J. K. Mask, of the same place in company with lawyer W. E. Henderson of this city, who was living in Wilmington at the time of the trouble last year were pleasant callers at The Freeman last Monday. Dr. Mask will probably locate in Muncie, Ind., while Mr. Norwood will journey across the continent to California. During their stay in our city they were introduced to many of the leading citizens, of both races by Mr. Geo. L. Knox, publisher of The Freeman.

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Mr. Chas. Watkins, of Anderson. Ind., and Mr. Wash. Watkins, of Carthage, Ind., were in the city Wednesday.

Mr. F. C. Brown of this city will represent the American Mutual Aid Association of St. Louis, Mo., at Lexington. Ky.

The ladies Aid Society held their reception Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 6, at the residence of Mrs. S. A. Williams in Bright street.

Mr. Charles Alexander the well known newspaper writer will begin a serial story in The Freeman, commencing in the issue of May 27.

Private dining room for private parties at the Pythian Cafe, 312 Indiana avenue.

Mrs. S. Allen Scott, has returned home, after a pleasant visit of two weeks with her parents in Cincinnati.

You cannot afford to cook your Sunday dinner at home, see our Sunday bill of fare in this weeks issue of The Freeman. Dinner 25 cents.—Clark Burton.

Mrs. Margaret Robinson returned from Shelbyville, Ind., last Monday where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Joe Robinson.

The May Fair at Simpson Chapel began last Tuesday evening. The officers and members of this church are preparing to erect a $7000 edifice.

Mr. W. B. Breedlove of the C. H. & D., railroad company, is visiting friends and relatives in Chattanooga, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga. He will be absent ten days.

Zacharias Williams of Crawfordsville, was in the city this week enroute to Noblesville to attend the electorial college of the Indiana A. M. E. conference.

Mr. Walter Demar, will leave next week for a months visit to friend and relatives in and around Lexington, Ky, after which he will make Chicago his future home.

Revs. Murray and Graham, and Messrs Willis Kersey and Calvin Brooks attended the electorial college of the A. M. E. conference at Noblesville, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Woods, gave a pleasant reception Monday evening at their home in South State avenue, in honor of Mr. Firmin C. Brown; who left the city Tuesday morning.

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Mr. John K. Robson has again connected himself with the New York store begining his duties there Tuesday this morning. Mr. Robson, it will be remembered, was formerly with the New York store for twenty-five years; having first entered their employ in 1870 and resigning in 1895. His familiar face had seemed to the ladies of Indiana to be almost a part of the store itself, and it will no doubt be a pleasure for them to see him there again.

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